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City of Renton Awarded National Accreditation



Community Services Department Achieves Distinguished Standard

RENTON—On February 17, 2007, the City of Renton renewed its status as one of 66 agencies nationally to achieve national accreditation of its Community Services Department. Conferred by the national Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), and announced in Washington D.C. by the National Recreation and Park Association, Renton was the first city in Washington state to have achieved such an honor and will be the first in the state to attain re-accreditation.

“This recognition is a celebration of distinction not only within the Community Services Department, but of the excellence that the City of Renton is known for,” said Mayor Kathy Keolker.

Accreditation is a form of credentialing. It is public recognition given by an authorized entity that an agency has met minimum standards designated as important to quality operations. This is a voluntary program that requires agencies to develop sound fiscal

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management policies, examine park safety issues, design innovative programming, and plan for the future.

The City of Renton first achieved accreditation in 2001. The re-accreditation is required every five years. By receiving this accreditation, the city's Community Services Department has met or exceeded 155 national standards, serves as a "benchmark" for all other similar agencies and has achieved national recognition for the high quality of its programs and services.

